

# Corrosion Prevention of Army Equipment in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

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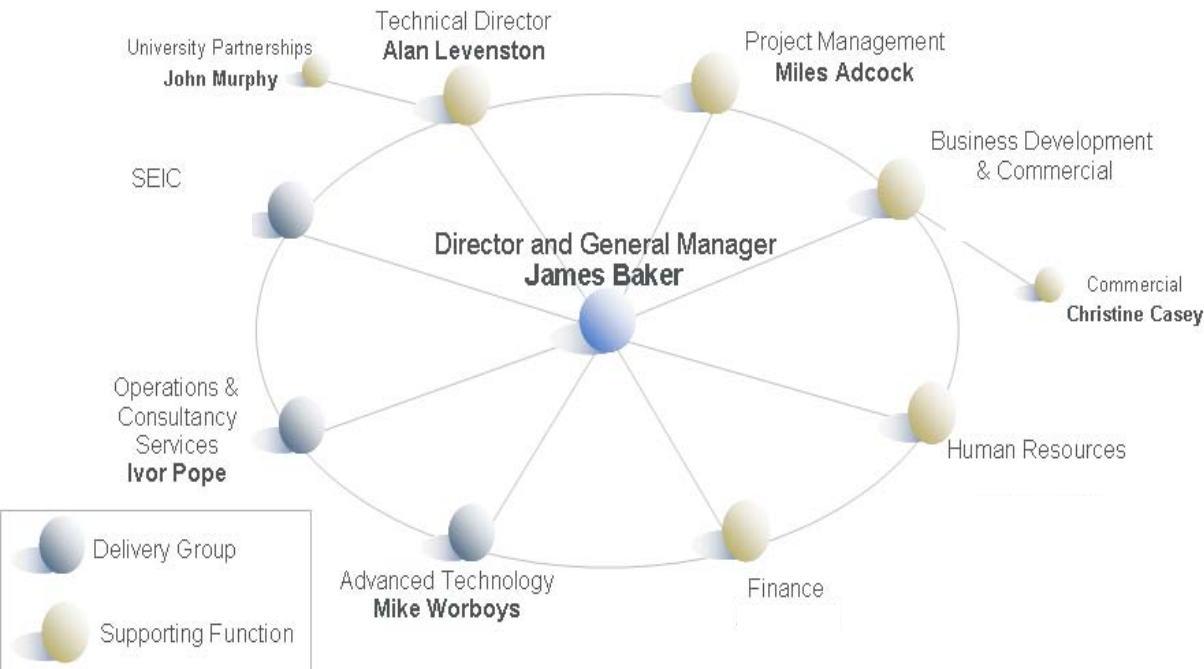
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- Employees: >100,000 world wide



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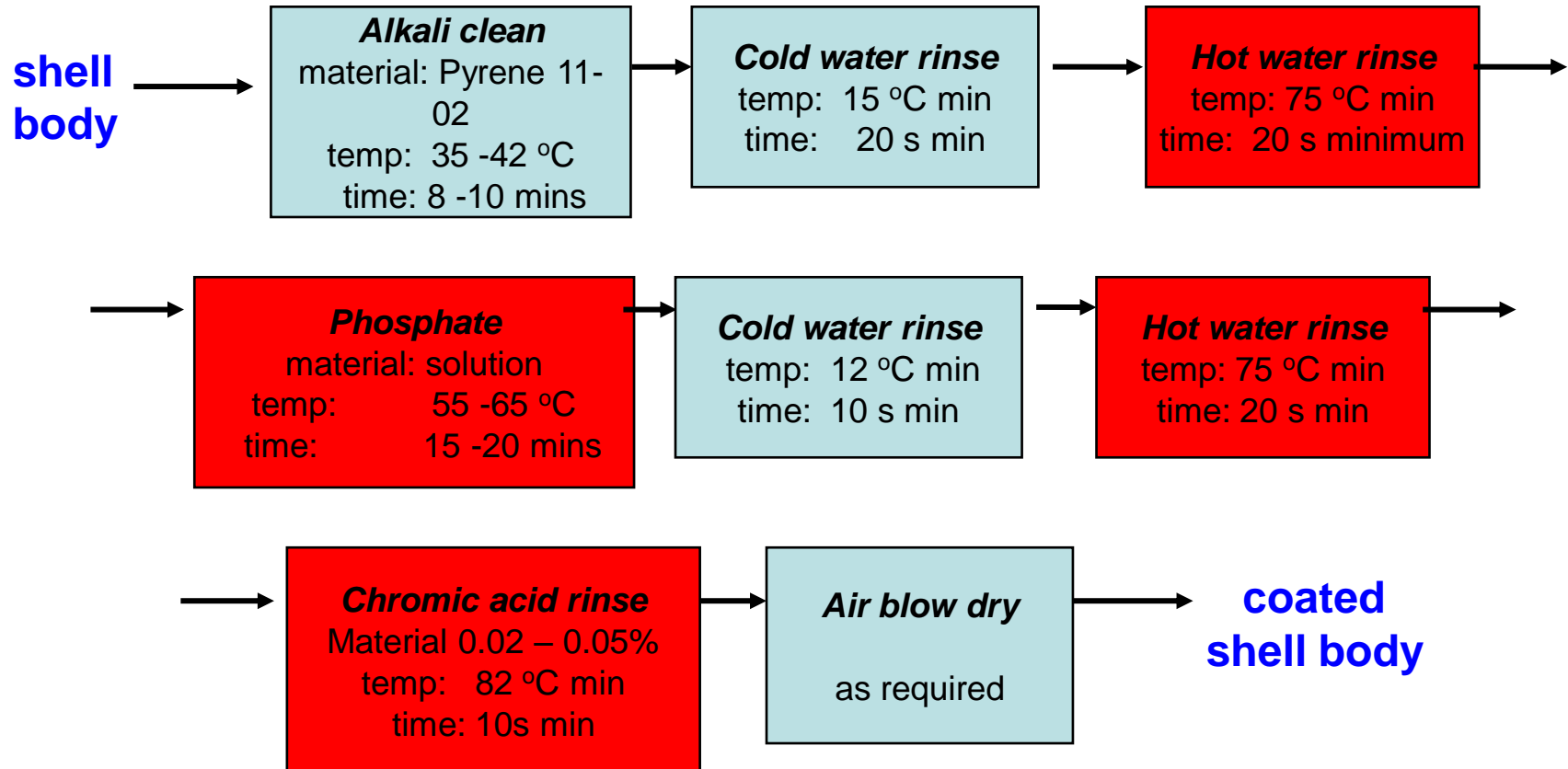
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# BAE Systems – Delivering Advantage



## 2. Finding new treatments & coatings

# Current surface treatment process

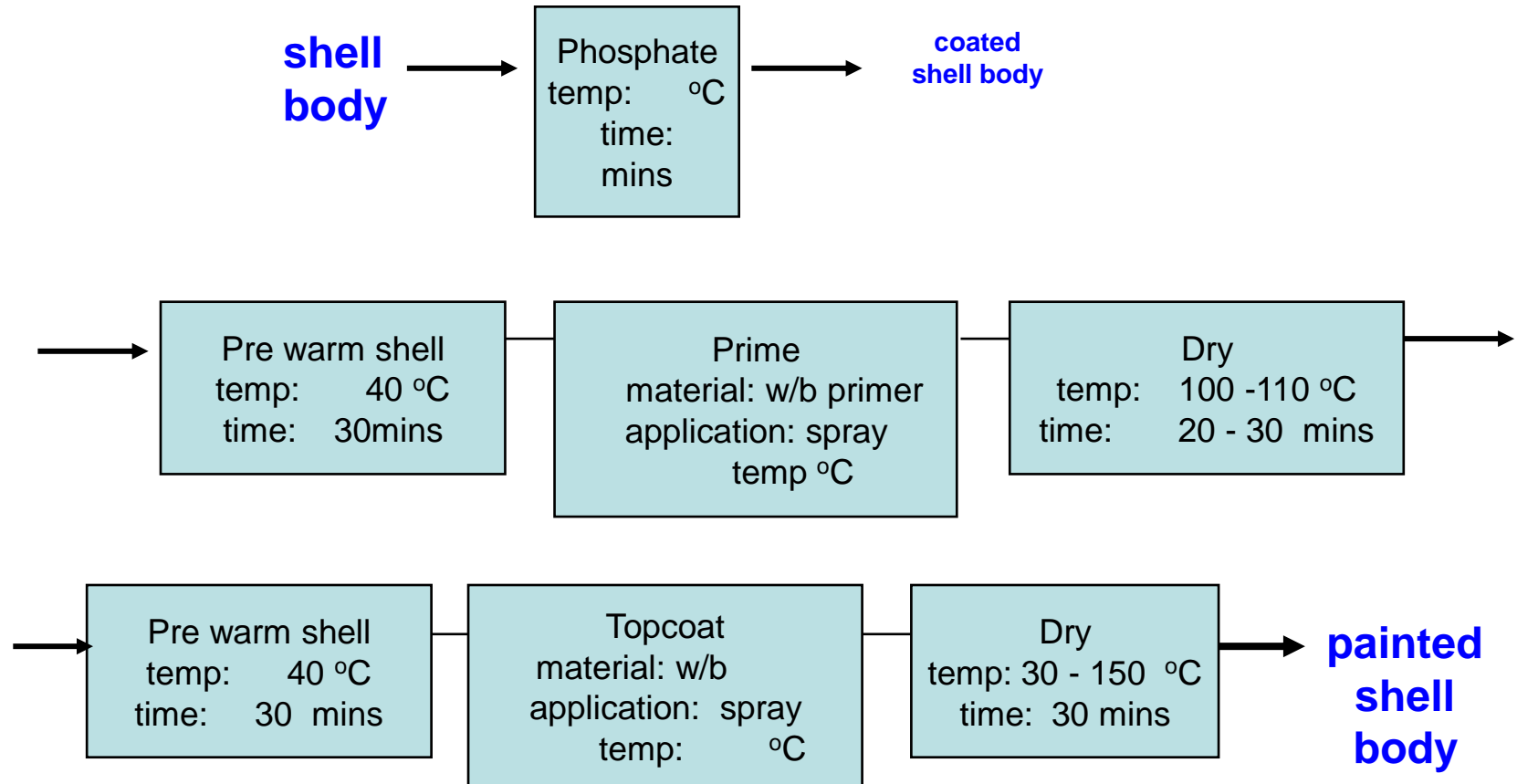




# Comparison of Technologies for Surface Treatment

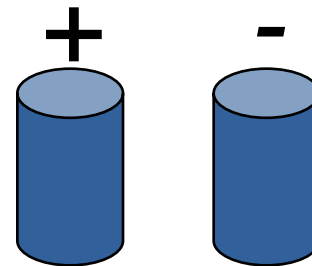
Technology	Process	Tanks	Temperature	Process Time	Chemicals
current	Zn phosphate	7	5 heated	30mins	Zn (sludge) chromates
silane	Bespoke	5	Oven dry at 120°C		silane
	Commercial	10	Oven dry		Silane Zr
Zr	1	6	RT		Zr
	2				Zr
	Vanadate	5	RT		Zr,V
Auto catalytic	polymer	7			organic

# Current Painting Process



# New Coating/Painting Processes

- Current aqueous 2-coat
- New aqueous 2-coat (x3)
- Aqueous single coat (x2)
- Powder coat (x3)
- E-coat



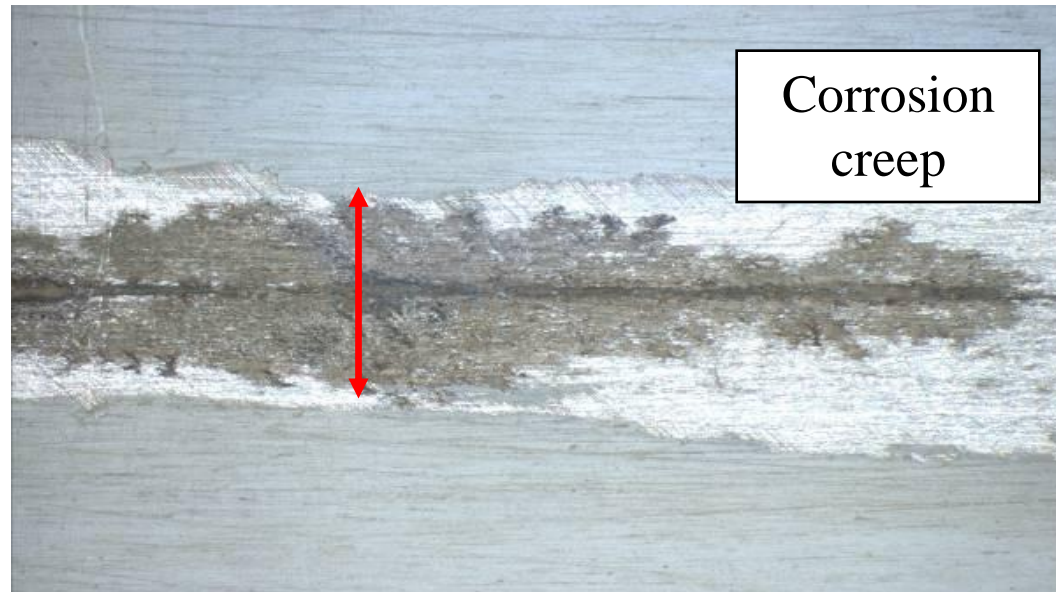
# Test Matrix

Surface treatments→ <i>Paints</i> ↓		A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
		Zn phosphate	<i>Si</i>	<i>Zr</i>	<i>Zr</i>	<i>Zr</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>V</i>	<i>Si</i>
1	Water-based 2- coat	<i>A1</i>	B1	C1	<b>D1</b>	E1	F1	G1	H1
2	Water-based single coat 1	A2	B2	C2	<b>D2</b>	E2	F2	G2	H2
3	Ecoat	A3	B3	C3	<b>D3</b>	E3	<b>F3</b>	G3	H3
4	Powdercoat 1	A4	B4	C4	<b>D4</b>	E4	F4	G4	H4
5	Powdercoat 2	A5	B5	C5	<b>D5</b>	E5	F5	G5	H5
6	Powdercoat 3	A6	B6	C6	<b>D6</b>	E6	F6	G6	H6
7	Water based 2-coat system 2	A7	B7	C7	<b>D7</b>	E7	F7	G7	H7
8	Water based single-coat 2	A8	B8	C8	<b>D8</b>	E8	F8	G8	H8
9	Water based stoving enamel	A9	B9	C9	<b>D9</b>	<b>E9</b>	<b>F9</b>	<b>G9</b>	<b>H9</b>

### 3. Process selection criteria

# Process Selection Criteria

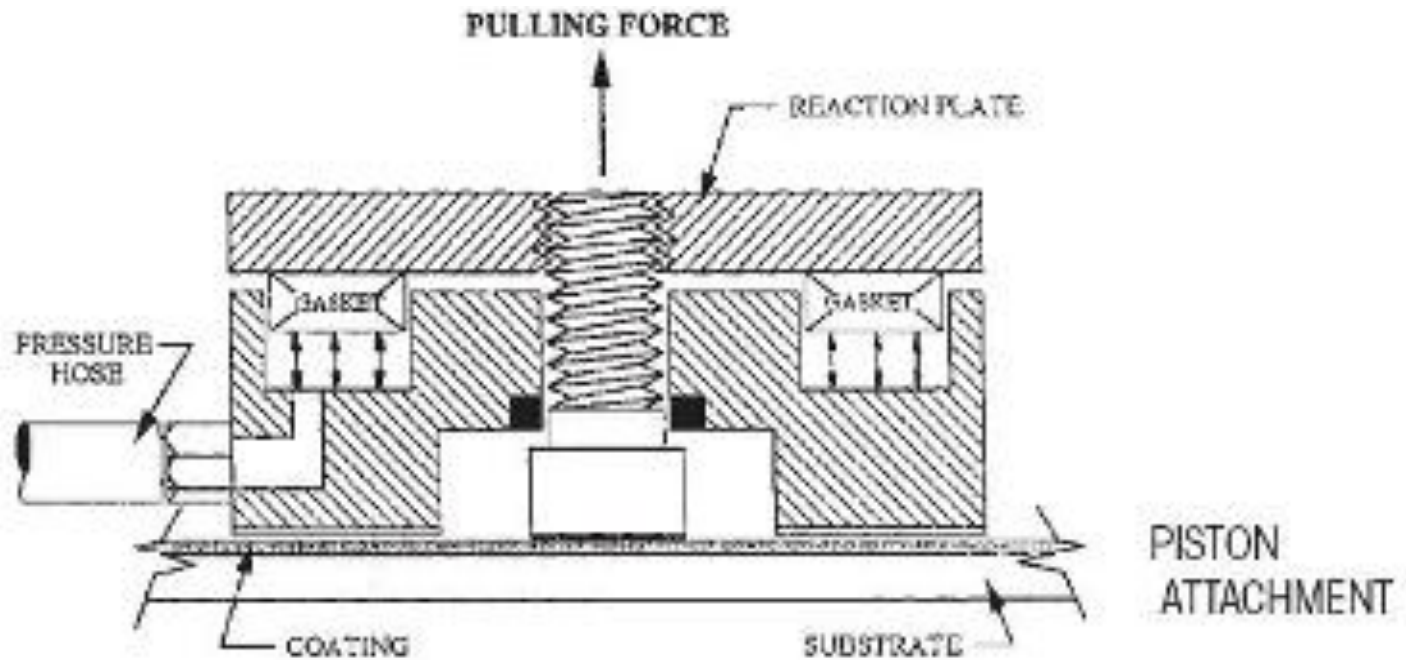
## *Corrosion resistance*



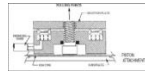
# Process Selection Criteria



***Corrosion resistance***  
***paint adhesion***



# Process Selection Criteria



***Corrosion resistance***

***Paint adhesion***

***Paint thickness***

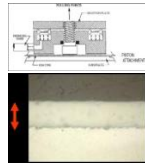




# Process Selection Criteria



***Corrosion resistance***



***Paint adhesion***

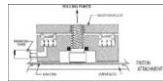
***Paint thickness***

***Economics***

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# Process Selection Criteria



***Corrosion resistance***

***Paint adhesion***

***Paint thickness***

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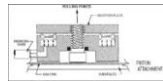
***Environment***



# Process Selection Criteria



***Corrosion resistance***



***Paint adhesion***



***Paint thickness***

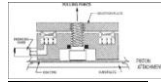


***Economics***



***Environment***

# Process Selection Criteria



***Corrosion resistance***

***Paint adhesion***

***Paint thickness***

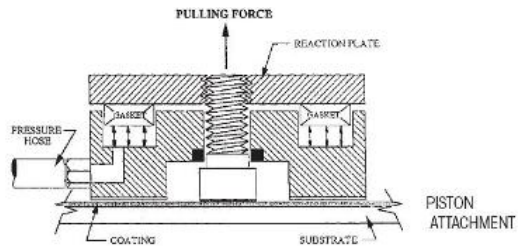
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***Environment***

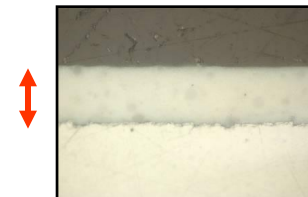
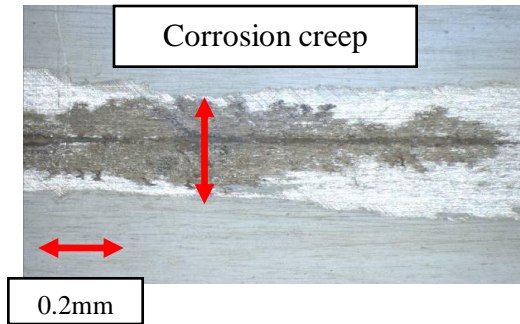
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# Process Selection Criteria



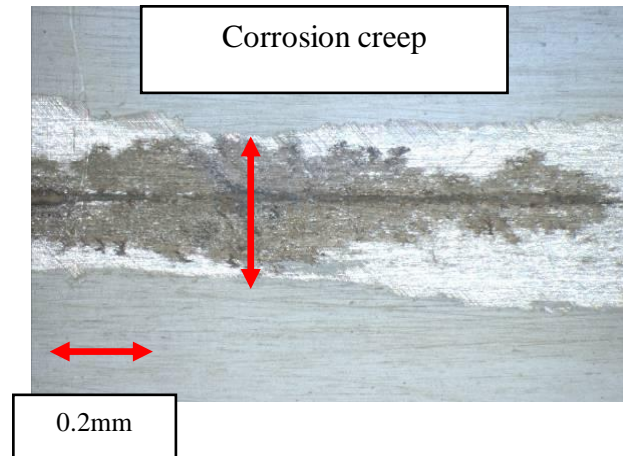
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***Paint adhesion***  
***Paint thickness***  
***Economic***  
***Environmental***  
***Support***



## 4. Assessing Performance

# Corrosion

- Sample coatings were damaged (scribed X)
- Accelerated corrosion tested to ASTM B117
- After corrosion they were dried and cleaned with abrasive (scotchbrite) and examined using optical microscopy
- Measurements of the corrosion damage were made



# Assessing corrosion



**A3**

- ❖ *Paint blistering*
- ❖ *Corrosion creep*
- ❖ *No & size of pits*



**B3**



**C5**

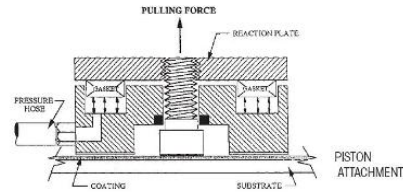




# Assessment of Accelerated Corrosion Test Results

Surface treatments→ <i>Paints</i> ↓		A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
		Zn phosphate	Si	Zr	Zr	Zr	C	V	Si
1	Water-based 2- coat	A1	B1	C1	D1	E1	F1	G1	H1
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# Assessing Paint Adhesion

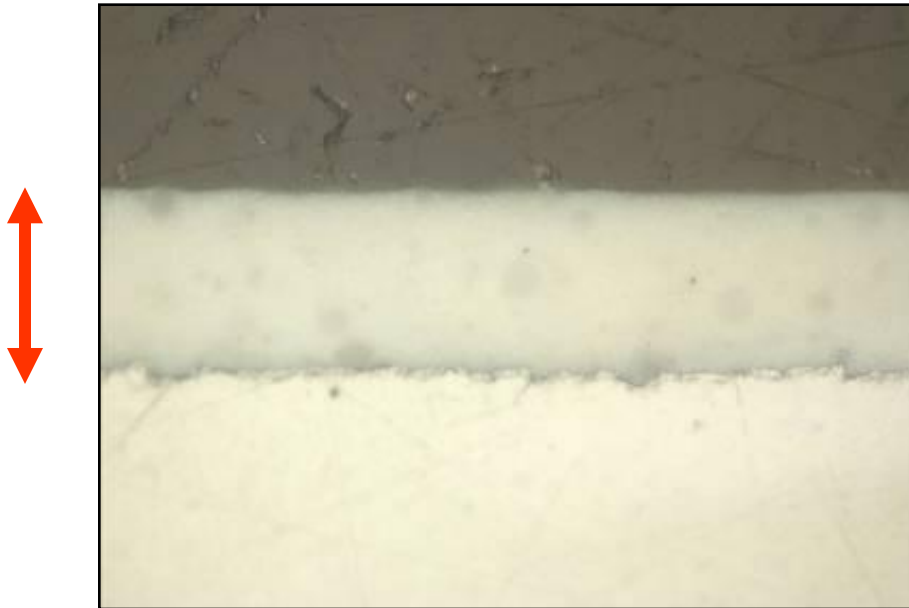
**B5****A5**



# Assessment of Paint Adhesion

Surface treatments→ <i>Paints</i> ↓		A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
		Zn phosphate	Si	Zr	Zr	Zr	C	V	Si
1	Water-based 2- coat	adhesive	Top coat	Top coat	X	mix	pr/aq	Top Coat	mix
2	Water-based single coat 1	topcoat	Top coat	Top coat	X	mix	pr/aq	Top coat	mix
3	Ecoat	pr / phos	glue	glue	X	glue		glue	glue
4	Powdercoat 1	pr / phos	glue	glue	X	glue	mix	glue	glue
5	Powdercoat 2	200	glue	glue	X	glue	110	glue	120
6	Powdercoat 3	mix	glue	glue	X	glue	glue	glue	mix
7	Water based 2-coat system 2	pr / phos	Top coat	mix	X	Top coat	mix	Top coat	mix
8	Water based single-coat 2	pr / phos	glue	mix	X	mix	mix	mix	mix
9	Water based stoving enamel	pr / phos	mix	mix	X	X	X	X	X

# Measuring paint film thickness

**B6****B4**



# Optical Microscope Assessment of Paint Thickness

Surface treatments→ <i>Paints</i> ↓		A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
		Zn phosphate	Si	Zr	Zr	Zr	C	V	Si
1	Water-based 2- coat				X				
2	Water-based single coat 1				X				
3	Ecoat				X		X		
4	Powdercoat 1				X				
5	Powdercoat 2				X				
6	Powdercoat 3				X				
7	Water based 2-coat system 2				X				
8	Water based single-coat 2				X				
9	Water based stoving enamel				X	X	X	X	X

## 5. Conclusions

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# Overall Assessment of the Performance of New Technologies

Surface treatments→ <i>Paints</i> ↓		A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
		Zn phosphate	Si	Zr	Zr	Zr	C	V	Si
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9	Water based stoving enamel				X	X	X	X	X

# Recommendations

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- The technical assessment suggests the 4 following combinations should be considered for further investigation
  - Surface treatment B & ecoat
  - Surface treatment B & powdercoat 2
  - Surface treatment E & ecoat
  - Surface treatment H & ecoat



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